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'Adults in poor urban localities of Bengaluru have inadequate knowledge of rabies and measures to prevent it'

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Study conducted among 86 adults in a poor urban locality

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A community-based study conducted in a city slum has pointed to adults in poor urban localities of Bengaluru with inadequate knowledge of rabies and measures to prevent it.

The study conducted by Bengaluru-based researchers highlighted that only a little over 5% of the adult population in the urban slum was aware of the intradermal administration of the rabies vaccine.

Overall, awareness about measures to prevent rabies, pre or post exposure was low. While 19.7% of the adults knew the doses of intramuscular rabies vaccine, only 10.4% were aware of the rabies immunoglobulin administration site. Just over 33% knew about pre-exposure prophylaxis and nearly 27% had an understanding of rabies vaccination in pregnant and lactating women.

The study was conducted among 86 adults in an urban poor locality for a period of three months from September to November 2019. It involved a house-to-house survey and responses regarding transmission and prevention of rabies were collected using a predesigned, pretested questionnaire in the local language.

Researchers say rabies, despite being a fatal disease, is also preventable if timely post-exposure treatment is made available. Thus, knowledge of adult decision-makers of the family around measures to prevent the disease becomes crucial to seeking timely medical intervention to decrease the chances of infection.

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Menace of illegal schools

Lack of data on illegal schools may have parents sending their children to such schools

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The delay in identifying and announcing the list of unauthorised schools in Bengaluru is expected to create problems for parents and students. No parent wants his/her child attending a school that is not authorised. Lack of data on illegal schools may have parents sending their children to such schools.

Minister for primary and secondary education Madhu Bangarappa announced last year that there are 1,695 unauthorised schools in the state and the measures would be taken to close down these schools in a phased manner but it is not clear how many of those schools have been shut down till date.

The education department officials were to come out with the list of unauthorised schools by April 24 but nothing was done. The officials were assigned to upload the list of unauthorised schools on the official website – Student Achievement Tracking System, Karnataka – before April 10. The officials had to receive objections, if any, till April 19 and resolve the issues by April 22 but the officials have yet to put up the list of unauthorised schools on the website.

Demanding the education department officials to come out with the list of unauthorised schools as early as possible,

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Polymer expo

The Karnataka State Polymers Association is organising the first edition of the KPLEX 24 International Polymers Exhibition. It will serve as a platform for industry leaders, start-ups, and environmental experts to display their latest advancements and share insights on achieving sustainability in the plastics industry. **When: April 26 to 29; Where: Bangalore International Exhibition Centre**

02 Calligraphy art

Artisera presents Nikheel Aphale's exhibition "Nirakar Aakar," featuring his latest body of contemporary calligraphy artworks. In this exhibit, the artist engages with significant yet intangible concepts of divinity, spirituality, and humanity. The 35 featured artworks are potent compositions that are visual interpretations of faith, human existence, and society at large. **When: April 26 to 28, 11 am to 8 pm; Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur**

03 Crochet workshop

Immerse yourself in the world of yarn, patterns, and stitches as you create beautiful, handmade items. Join in a delightful and engaging workshop where the world of yarn and creativity come together, where expert instructors will guide you through the art of crochet, providing hands-on demonstrations and useful tips. Whether you`re a seasoned crocheter or a complete beginner, this workshop is designed to cater to all skill levels.
When: April 27 to 28; Where: Small World, Koramangala

Master artist who captured India's heritage on his canvas

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The Karnataka Chitakala Parishath celebrates a century of MS Chandrasekhar's artistic journey through the exhibition "Eternal Echoes" from April 19 to 28, featuring his original paintings in watercolour and oil painting, alongside Ajanta reproductions, egg tempera, pencil sketches, and pen and ink drawings. He is a distinguished artist whose remarkable contributions have left an indelible mark on the Indian art scene.

Born on April 16, 1924, into a family of Sanskrit scholars in Nanjanagudu, Chandrasekhar's artistic journey began at a young age. Shylaja Ramesh, his daughter, said, "Despite completing his formal education up to matriculation, my father's passion for art remained unwavering. Under the tutelage of his esteemed mentor, Tankasale, at the Chamarajendra Technical Institute in Mysore, his talent for landscape painting flourished, earning him accolades such as the Maharaja Gold Medal in the Mysore Dasara of 1948. His artistic prowess continued to garner recognition, with prestigious titles from the Calcutta Art Society and Bombay Art Society solidifying his reputation as a distinguished artist."

In 1956, his exceptional work at the Vidhana Soudha Banquet Hall caught the attention of dignitaries, leading to his recommendation for a pivotal role at the Archaeological Survey of India post at Ajanta. After a rigorous selection process, he was appointed as a senior artist at the Ajanta Caves in 1957, marking a significant milestone in his career. Tasked with the monumental responsibility of restoring and reproducing the ancient murals, Chandrasekhar embarked on a profound journey to preserve India's rich artistic heritage. Over the next 25 years, he immersed himself in meticulously reproducing these priceless murals, demonstrating exceptional dedication and skill.

His painstaking reproductions of Ajanta murals also served as a testament to his commitment to cultural heritage. The reproductions at Ajanta Caves stand as the sole surviving replicas, faithfully preserving the originals in size, technique, and essence. These murals, now housed in the National Archives, bear witness to his dedication to ensuring the timeless legacy of India's mural paintings, which were way ahead of their time. "He was celebrated for his mastery in oilcolours and landscape paintings; the seamlessly blended techniques of watercolour transparency gave him the name of a master colourist of Indian rural landscape," added Ramesh.

It's a family offer: Shopping spree is not what it seems to be, say store owners

Several thefts at shops where women, kids work in collaboration to execute crime

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A trend of entire families being involved in thefts has got shopkeepers in the city concerned.

In a recent incident, two women and one 12-year-old child were caught stealing on camera, in Chickpet on April 21.

"We sell clothes. I had a parcel kept in the shop that I was supposed to send to Madhya Pradesh. A family of two women and a child came in. They asked us to show clothes and I got busy with that. Later, after they left I saw that the package was missing from the shop. When I checked the CCTV camera, I saw that while one woman was looking at the clothes, she hinted to the other woman to take the package," said Punagar Bhagat, the victim.

He also added that on the day that the theft happened in his shop, another shopkeeper also reported theft by a family gang in the same market complex.

"The worst part is that a child was involved in theft. When the child grows up, he would continue doing the same thing," he added.

An FIR has been registered in the City Market police station and the police are on the lookout for the accused.

The incidents of theft in the city are on an increase. Bengaluru recorded 1,714 theft cases in the first two months of 2024.

According to the data by the Karnataka State Police, the city records more than 800 cases of theft every month.

Companies closing earlier because of theft

In certain areas like Promenade Road and St John's Road, employees have been sent notification that their building would be closing at 9:30 pm because of "string of robberies in the area". A notification by a law firm in Frazer Town, seen by BM, said, "We have had a string of robberies in the area in the last week.

We will be locking down/ closing gates of the place by 9: 30 pm. Please inform your team of the same and ensure that they lock up the gates behind them beyond this time."

An employee of the same firm informed BM that the area becomes quiet after 8:30pm and doesn't have many street lights.

"It is scary to step out of the office late at night because there is nobody on the road. Also, sometimes we encounter people who would be going on bikes and catcalling women. There were also many incidents of chain snatching and theft so our landlord told us to close the office by 9 or 9:30 pm," said an employee.

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Quenching thirst with water troughs at BM Kaval Agara

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In a significant move to protect urban wildlife from the harsh realities of extreme heat and dehydrating conditions, the PfA Wildlife Rescue & Conservation Centre has expanded its Operation Quench Thirst initiative to encompass the critical ecological zone of BM Kaval Agara forest.

Spanning over 10 square kilometres, this forest reserve has become the latest focus for the centre to provide essential water sources for wildlife, mitigating the risks of human-wildlife conflict and ensuring the well-being of indigenous species. Launched in March,the operation initially targeted the Turahalli Forest Reserve. However, with the contribution from Divya Dinesh of the Ashraya Hastha Trust, PfA has now expanded its operations to BM Kaval Aagara forest. This move aims to address the pressing need for water sources within the forest, reducing the necessity for wildlife to venture into human settlements in search of water. Colonel Dr Nawaz Sharif, chief veterinarian at PfA, said, "By replenishing natural water bodies and strategically placing concrete water rings throughout the forest, we aim to provide a lifeline for urban wildlife during the scorching summer months. This initiative not only safeguards the ecological integrity of these critical zones but also minimises the risk of conflicts between wildlife, feral dogs, and humans."

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Summer Samaritans walk on water
DON'T WITHER AWAY

BM had reported about how citizens are doing their best to ensure wildlife does not go thirsty

The impact is evident in the Turahalli Forest Reserve, where reports of wild animals sighted near human settlements outside the forest perimeter have significantly decreased over the past month. Furthermore, incidents of feral dog attacks on deer, often prompted by competition for scarce water sources, have also seen a notable decline. "As summer temperatures continue to rise, the importance of initiatives like Operation Quench Thirst cannot be overstated. With urbanisation encroaching upon natural habitats, providing water sources within forest reserves becomes essential," said Colonel Dr Nawaz.

Heat of duty is relentless: 'Save pourakarmikas' plea catches on

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As summer temperatures soar in Karnataka, the plight of pourakarmikas has reached a critical juncture. With forecasts predicting prolonged heatwaves, these indispensable workers are facing disproportionate risks to their health and well-being.

While state authorities advise the public to remain indoors, pourakarmikas continue their duties outdoors, enduring the relentless heat without adequate breaks or hydration facilities. This dire situation has led to an alarming increase in health issues among pourakarmikas, including symptoms such as headaches and dizziness, persisting even after work hours during the scorching summer months.

In response to this crisis, Jhatkaa.org has launched an online campaign titled 'Save Pourakarmikas During Heatwave'. This initiative aims to raise awareness and garner support for the implementation of crucial measures to safeguard the health and safety of pourakarmikas across Karnataka.

The All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AICCTU) has submitted a memorandum to the state government, urging concrete action to mitigate the impact of heatwaves on pourakarmikas. Among their proposed solutions are alterations to work hours and days, instituting half-day work schedules until 11 am, and providing a weekly off without financial deductions.

Chiku Agarwal, senior engagement associate at Jhatkaa.org, emphasises the urgency of the situation, stating, "The well-being of pourakarmikas is paramount, and immediate action is crucial to protect these essential workers from the adverse effects of extreme heat." Agarwal urged citizens throughout Karnataka to join the petition.

Preschool pool party drowns in disapproval

Pai Layout residents fume over wasteful celebration in drought-stricken Bengaluru

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Many residents from different localities have been protesting against the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) for not supplying potable water to them regularly. Many localities, especially those on the outskirts of the city, have been facing an acute shortage of water during this summer.

However, some citizens waste precious water without any regret. The wastage of drinking water by a few residents of Pai Layout on Old Madras Road has invited much criticism from residents of the area and also from social activists. They complain that a few citizens, including a preschool, wasted water while people in other localities, including Pai Layout, have been struggling to engage private water tankers.

A resident of Pai Layout, who wishes to remain anonymous, said that some of the others conveniently forget to switch off water pumps after overhead water storage tanks are filled with water. "It pains me whenever I come across people wasting water out of ignorance or lack of awareness. I have seen water overflowing from overhead water storage tanks. The residents concerned are not bothered either to fix the alarm for the water storage tanker or to go upstairs to check the water level in the water storage tank," the resident said.

They also mentioned that the rooftop tanks of some of the houses are outdated and defunct, with no regulatory mechanisms. "When they get supplied with water (from a borewell or a water tanker) the excess water flows out of the overhead water storage tanks till the time the supply stops. I have myself witnessed the outflow take place for over half an hour at times."

A preschool organised a pool party as part of the summer camp in Pai Layout

A preschool, owned by people with political clout, organised a pool party on April 19 as part of the summer camp for the students. Coming down heavily on parents as well as on the preschool management, a resident of Pat Layout said that it is the responsibility of the preschool management not to organise such programmes that need more water. "Teachers at the preschool are supposed to create awareness among children on how to avoid wasting water. It is the responsibility of the parents, who are the residents of Pai Layout, to advise the preschool management not to organise such programmes. The pre-school management would have sent the information to the parents about organising the pool party," said the resident.

Meanwhile, Eshwarappa M of Right To Water criticised the preschool for organising a pool party. "Residents of Bengaluru have been struggling for water. Many people residing in apartment complexes have vacated their flats due to an acute shortage of water. Organising a pool party will convey the wrong message to children and it is not the right time to organise such programmes. I condemn the school management for wastefully using water. I also advise the residents of Pai Layout to install an alarm system to alert them about water overflowing from the overhead water storage tanks," he said.

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> – Eshwarappa M, Right To Water

No more open urination on Smart City roads

BSCL officials engage police & Palike to tackle sanitation issues and safeguard public spaces

Bengaluru Smart City Limited (BSCL) has decided to reach out to the Bengaluru City Police regarding unchecked open urination on Smart City Roads. BSCL officials took the initiative after Bangalore Mirror highlighted the sad state of Miller's Road, one of the major stretches in the Central Business District area that was recently constructed by BSCL. This was after residents complained that the stretch has become a camping site for auto and cab drivers, who do not shy away from urinating in the open.

"We inspected the stretch and have decided to write to Bengaluru City Police about the issue. A portion of the road is being used by auto and cab drivers to park and urinate in the open. We are requesting the enforcement department to penalise these people and stop such activities," said a BSCL official.

Bangalore Mirror
Miller's Road stretch turns urinal

BM reported an article about the menace of people urinating in the open on Miller's Road on April 24

Officials told BM that BSCL will also be contacting the Solid Waste Management (SWM) department of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) regarding damage sustained by green buffer zones of smart city roads, especially in the East zone. "We have spoken to BBMP SWM East zone to get the green buffer cleared of garbage. More often than not, pourakarmikas sweep the roads and dump the garbage on green patches, damaging them. We are also cleaning SWM chambers for monsoon preparedness and analysing if the green buffer of smart city roads, wherever they are damaged, can be brought back," said the official.

BSCL officials inspecting Miller's Road

The report published by BM on April 24 also highlighted safety concerns raised by commuters and residents of the area. A female had complained that a portion of the stretch in the late evening is occupied by auto drivers and cab drivers, who are parked there the whole night and use it as a toilet. Locals had also raised concerns regarding an overflowing manhole, which was unattended for months.

One of the residents of the area told BM, "We are all looking out for the collective good of this city, but it is futile because authorities do not listen to the common man. While we are happy that the issue raised in the media was fixed by the officials immediately, we had appraised the authorities about these issues on multiple occasions in the past but no action was taken. They should be equally receptive to complaints raised by citizens directly." — BMB

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Fix the roads
Shivaji Nagar

Ebrahim Sahib Street has had bad roads for nearly a year now, with resurfacing long overdue in our smart city.

Wasted water
Ramamurthy Nagar

The water tank at Ramamurthy Nagar has been overfilled, resulting in water wastage amidst the water crisis. These water tank owners need to understand the value of water, as not even this crisis has taught them its importance.

Garbage menace
Victoria Layout

Garbage is dumped on Palmgrove Cross Road, no action has been taken even after several complaints to officials.

4-year undergrads can get direct PhD entry via NET

Students must have 75% aggregate marks or an equivalent grade to be eligible for a PhD programme, says UGC

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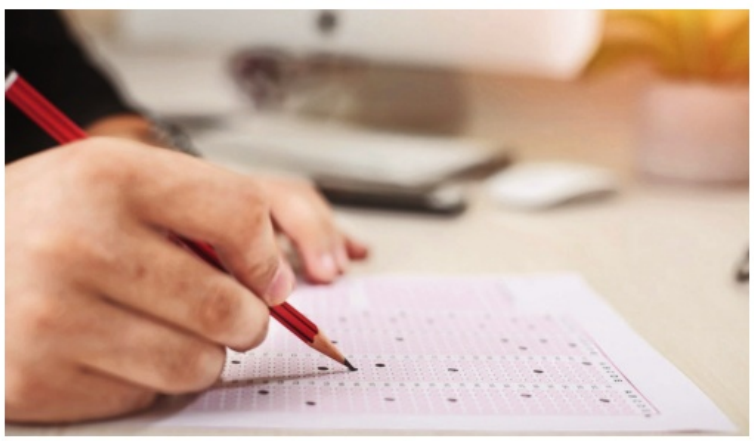

The UGC chairman has advocated for a significant change in the approach to PhD admissions by proposing direct entry to students with 4-year undergraduate degrees through the National Eligibility Test (NET). UGC claims that this move is expected to revolutionise the research landscape in India, offering young scholars the opportunity to engage in advanced research early in their academic careers.

UGC chairman Jagadesh Kumar highlighted that there is ample capacity to accommodate a substantial number of PhD candidates, including undergraduates, within the existing system. To qualify for a PhD programme with or without a Junior Research Fellowship (JRF), candidates with 4-year undergraduate degrees must have a minimum of 75 percent aggregate marks or an equivalent grade. Presently, NET candidates must hold a master's degree with at least 55 percent marks.

The UGC chairman said, "The National Education Policy (NEP) aims to fortify the research environment in universities. Allowing undergraduate students to join PhD programmes would enable young individuals to delve into research early on, leveraging their creativity and contributing to enhanced research quality nationwide. He stressed the importance of assessing a student's aptitude for doctoral studies, highlighting that PhD programmes differ significantly from undergraduate or master's. Therefore, candidates must clear the UGC NET and undergo an interview at their chosen university to evaluate their research aptitude and readiness."

Regarding Indian universities' performance in global rankings, the UGC chairman noted significant progress attributed to increased research efforts over the past five to six years. These efforts are yielding positive outcomes, with Indian institutions demonstrating world-class standards in research. He expressed confidence that India will continue its trajectory towards becoming a leading country in terms of research excellence globally. The latest QS World University Rankings by Subject, released on April 10th, recognised the advancements made by Indian universities, showcasing a remarkable 14 percent year-on-year improvement in their average ranking, the highest among G20 nations.

Meanwhile, the process of normalising scores for the Common University Entrance Test-UG and the National Eligibility Test will be eliminated starting this year. "No normalisation of scores will be required this year since both exams will be conducted in a single shift for a subject," Kumar said. Normalisation, which adjusts a student's score to make it comparable with others, is typically necessary when an exam in the same subject is held in multiple sessions with different papers. Students have voiced concerns about normalisation unfairly affecting their exam performance. "Earlier, we had to conduct the test for the same paper for two or three days in our endeavour to provide the first-choice centre to the students as much as possible. But this year, by adopting the OMR mode, a large number of centres will be available at schools and colleges, enabling us to conduct the test across the country on the same day. If the test is conducted on multiple days for the same paper, normalisation is required, and it is a scientific method," he added. This time, the CUET-UG will take place from May 15 to 24. Unlike previous years, it will be conducted in pen and paper mode for 15 subjects, while 48 subjects will be conducted online. Similarly, the UGC-NET, previously conducted in CBT mode, will be held in pen and paper mode on June 16.

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Get set to vote!

On the eve of the second phase of the Lok Sabha polls in Bengaluru on Thursday, polling officials diligently collect the EVMs, VVPATs, and other essential polling materials for their assigned polling stations, as parts of Karnataka prepare for voting in the second phase of the 2024 Lok Sabha election to be held today.

Bengaluru, rise up: Your vote counts

Low voter turnout in Bengaluru during previous elections concerns officials ahead of 2024 Lok Sabha elections

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Today, all city roads will lead to polling booths as Bengaluru prepares to vote in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The major concern for Election Commission officials and political parties is whether Bengaluru will surpass its history of low voter turnout or continue to set new records from previous years.

Bengaluru's voter turnout remains lower compared to the rest of Karnataka. During the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Karnataka saw an improved polling percentage of 65 per cent, up from 2014. However, the Bengaluru North, Central, and South constituencies recorded only 55 per cent voter turnout in the previous general elections. In contrast, the rest of Karnataka recorded a higher turnout of 65 per cent in 2014 compared to Bengaluru's 55.97 per cent in the North, Central, and South Lok Sabha seats. Even during the 2023 assembly elections, Bengaluru's voter turnout was just 54.53 per cent, with Bengaluru South recording the lowest turnout at 52.17 per cent, followed by Bengaluru North at 52.27 per cent, and Bengaluru Central at 55.33 per cent, in contrast to Karnataka's overall turnout of 72.68 per cent. One of the reasons cited for this low turnout is voters' complaints about difficulties in obtaining permission or leave to vote, particularly among those employed in the city's scattered tech companies.

Voters lined up during the early hours to cast their votes during the 2019 elections in Bengaluru (file photo)

An official said, "Bengaluru boasts a total of 1,01,27,869 eligible voters. However, due to historically low voter turnout in Bengaluru, efforts are underway to raise awareness and encourage maximum participation in the voting process. This extensive electorate has 31,173 voters with special needs, 1,60,232 young voters, 1,665 service voters, and 2,158 NRIs, showcasing a diverse and active electorate. We have created many sessions to make voters aware of the fundamental importance of exercising franchise and the necessity for every citizen to participate in the democratic process. Voting is not merely a right but also a responsibility that significantly influences the nation's future."

The second phase of polls will decide the fate of former Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy, former Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar, former minister Shobha Karandalaje, Congress leaders MV Rajeev Gowda, Mansoor Ali Khan, Soumya Reddy and others.

As the election campaigning draws to a close, Flying Squads, SSTs, and police authorities have taken legal action by lodging 2,149 FIRs related to confiscating various items such as cash, liquor, drugs, precious metals, and freebies. Similarly, the Excise Department has been proactive in addressing violations, having initiated legal proceedings in 3,025 heinous cases, 4,691 cases involving breaches of license conditions, 175 cases related to NDPS offences, and 27,625 cases under Section 15(a) of the Karnataka Excise Act 1965. Additionally, they have seized a total of 1,884 different types of vehicles, indicating a comprehensive approach to enforcing regulatory standards.

In a special report, instances of successful interventions are highlighted. The Sanjaynagar Police Station Team successfully seized cash amounting to Rs 10,00,000 in the North Parliamentary Constituency within the Bengaluru Urban District. Similarly, the Brucepete Police Station Team in Bellary City made significant confiscations, seizing cash worth Rs 23,00,000 in Bellary Parliamentary Constituency, Bellary District. These actions demonstrate a concerted effort to address illicit activities across different regions.

"Furthermore, specific teams, like the SST Team, have also contributed to these efforts by seizing cash worth Rs 38,00,000 at the Nagaralli Check post in Jewargi, Gulbarga Parliamentary Constituency, within the Kalaburagi District. The Income Tax department has played a pivotal role in curbing illegal activities, seizing substantial amounts of cash in various locations. The Income Tax department also seized 1.113 kg of gold worth Rs 55,00,000, underscoring the gravity of the enforcement measures undertaken. cVIGIL also played a crucial role, in receiving and addressing 28,228 complaints through the app. These complaints encompassed a range of issues, from unauthorised posters to communal speeches. Under ENCORE, 9,264 applications for permissions were received, with 7,481 being accepted and 1,254 rejected," an official said.

Farmers retract election boycott after negotiations

Farmers from 13 villages near Devanahalli retracted their boycott threat for the Lok Sabha elections after district officials assured post-election resolution of their land acquisition concerns. They opposed a 2022 notification to acquire 1,777 acres for an industrial area, protesting for 752 days. Bengaluru Rural district in-charge minister KH Muniyappa visited the villages on Tuesday and urged residents to participate in the elections, promising action after the polls. A farmer told BM that over 5,000 votes would be lost if it weren't for the negotiations. He added that the authorities have promised to hold a meeting after the elections regarding the matter and none of the BJP candidates have visited them to address the issue.

HC grants Shivakumar interim relief

The High Court granted Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar interim relief amid model code violation charges during Lok Sabha campaign. Justice Krishna S Dixit directed no further action until the next hearing on his FIR challenge. The case arose from BJP's complaint, alleging Shivakumar attempted voter manipulation. The Court questioned if his remarks constituted bribery or undue influence under IPC sections 171B and 171C. It urged caution in speeches and criticised declining election speech standards. Justice Dixit expressed uncertainty if standards could worsen. Shivakumar's counsel assured that he had been advised to exercise caution over his remarks. —PTI

Orange alert: Disaster Management cell steps in

In light of 5-day heat wave alert for parts of state; animated shorts offer tips on measures to be taken

A woman takes a bite of an ice cream as she walks along the market during a hot day in Bengaluru

Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) has issued a series of animated shorts in Kannada advising people of appropriate measures to take during extreme temperatures to keep oneself safe. "Karnataka has not seen such extreme temperatures and heat waves in the recent past. So, we wanted to ensure a wider reach for safety measures, therefore we decided to issue them in a reader-friendly format," said an official from KSNDMC.

Meteorological Centre Bengaluru, Indian Meteorological Department, had issued a five-day heat wave orange alert for parts of Karnataka, lasting till April 29. "In places like Bagalkote, Vijayapura, Kalaburgi, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal, Ballari, Tumkur, Mandya, Gadag, Davangere and Chitradurga, the temperature is likely to touch 40 degrees Celsius tomorrow," said C P Patil, director of the centre. On April 25, these places recorded a maximum temperature of 39 degrees Celsius.

Don't fall ill

Orange alert would mean increased likelihood of heat illness symptoms in people who are exposed to sun for a prolonged period of time as well as those who do heavy manual work. According to Patil, coastal Karnataka will also have very hot and humid weather conditions, making it very uncomfortable for people there.

> **When out, it is best to use protective goggles, an umbrella or a hat. Avoid aerated drinks since they cause dehydration** – M Rajavel, Met

"It's best for children and old people to avoid exposure to heat in coastal areas too," added Patil. In places where heat wave is predicted, people are advised to avoid direct exposure to sunlight between 12 noon and 3pm. "When they go out, it is best to use protective goggles, an umbrella or a hat. Also aerated drinks must be avoided since they cause dehydration. Best to drink water as much as possible, even if you don't feel thirsty," said M Rajavel, head of LACD, Meteorological Centre, Bengaluru.

People are also advised not to leave the children or pets inside parked vehicles. The maximum and minimum temperatures of Bengaluru are very likely to be around 37 degree Celsius and 23 degree Celsius respectively for the next 48 hours, said Patil. Hassan recorded the highest jump from its normal minimum temperature. It recorded 22.6 degrees Celsius, about 2.8 degrees more than usual. According to IMD, on April 29 light rain is also very likely in isolated places over Bidar, Kalaburgi, Yadgir, Vijayapura, Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, Kodagu, Mysuru, Mandya and Chitradurga districts. On April 30, light rain is predicted again for Bidar, Kalaburgi, Yadgir, Vijayapura, Raichur, Koppal, Ballari, Chikkamagaluru, Tumkur, Chikkaballapura, Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru Urban and Kodagu districts. Incidentally, KSNDMC has also issued a series of animated advisory for lightning safety.

"We also update temperature every 15 minutes in our X handle in coordination with IMD," added the KSNDMC official. **– PTI**

Public prosecutor, police told to ensure severe punishment for Hubballi murder accused: CM

Siddaramaiah pays his respects to Neha Hiremath, who was stabbed to death, at her home, in Hubballi, on Thursday

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday said he has asked the public prosecutor and the police to try to ensure that the accused in the Hubballi murder of student Neha Hiremath gets severe punishment. He accused the opposition BJP -- which has demanded a CBI probe -- of trying to politicise the case. "I have already condemned the murder and I condemn it once again. The case has already been given to CID (Crime Investigation Department) to investigate. We are setting up a special court and stringent punishment should be ensured for the accused," Siddaramaiah said.

Speaking to reporters here, he said he has spoken to the public prosecutor and the police and has asked them to try to ensure that the accused gets severe punishment.

"I spoke to her (Neha) father, regarding the measures taken by the government like his (the accused's) arrest, CID probe. CID will file the charge sheet at the earliest and the trial will begin," he added.

Neha Hiremath (23), daughter of Congress Councillor of Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation Niranjan Hiremath, was stabbed to death on the campus of BVB College last Thursday. The accused Fayaz Khondunaik, who fled from the scene, was arrested by the police subsequently. Neha was a first year Master of Computer Application (MCA) student and Fayaz was earlier her classmate. Questioning whether the BJP has given any case to CBI during their tenure, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said such issues should not be politicised. "What moral right do they have (to ask for a CBI probe)? Earlier when I was the chief minister, I gave several cases to the CBI. Did they give even one? Neha's murder is wrong, they (BJP) using it for politics is not right," he said, reiterating that the government condemns Neha's murder and will make all honest efforts to ensure strictest punishment for the accused. **– PTI**

Siddaramaiah meets victim's father, tells him about measures taken; says CID will file chargesheet soon

Bridge is ready, just keep encroachers off

The construction of an overhead shelter for the bridge connecting Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Metro Station with Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) and Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bus stand has been completed. While frequent commuters have appreciated the move, they have requested relevant authorities to ensure that the bridge remains encroachment free as it is now likely to attract vendors.

A commuter said, "The overhead shelter provides comfort, especially to the vulnerable categories of commuters – children and senior citizens, from the scorching heat as well as rains. It was very necessary indeed, as many commuters also carry heavy luggage. However, it is important for the authorities to ensure that it is adequately maintained with routine cleaning taking place. Vendors must also be kept away from encroaching the area as it now has a shelter."

Another commuter noted that such minute changes attract citizens to choose public transportation as their mode of transport. "For example, bus shelters across the city are in a deplorable state and the issue needs to be addressed with seriousness in order for the larger public which depend on their private vehicles for travel to make a switch towards public transport. Shelters play a big role as buses have a significant waiting time unlike the metros which have a designated frequency. The sick and those with special needs will require it the most and may opt out of using the buses as their mode of transport if shelters are unavailable," he said.

Commuters say small measures can make public transport more attractive, but maintenance is a must

Rekita, a pre-university student, noted that the bus stop near Baldwins PU College is in a bad condition. "Those who were waiting for the bus to reach the metro station opted to take an auto ride inside due to the condition of the bus shelter. The metal seats were barely hanging on," she said, adding that the authorities can consider installing a few seating arrangements on the bridge to provide a resting space for those in need.

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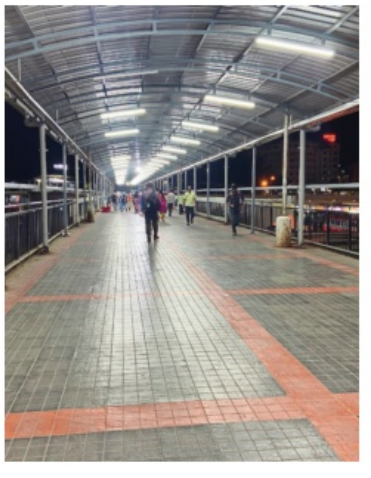

Community-based study on rabies awareness

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Receiving complete PEP soon after exposure becomes important and thus adults should be aware of preventive measures so that they can make correct decisions to avail of PEP at the right time and place," noted the study.

While results also showed there was reasonably good knowledge about precautions to avoid animal bites (86.0%) and the place of rabies vaccine availability (80.0%); knowledge about the rabies disease fatality (40.6%), animals that spread the disease (74.4%), and measures to be taken immediately after getting bitten by a dog (67.4%) was found to be inadequate.

The study underlined that literacy status played an important role in knowledge of the issue. More than half of the sample population, with better knowledge of the issue, was literate.

"While post-bite care is critical, there can be many factors responsible for the lack of awareness among urban slum dwellers. The most important factor is education level or literacy rate. Moreover, sometimes, this particular group might not be the focus of the institution or agency that is involved in building awareness," said an animal welfare worker.

According to Priya Chetty Rajagopal, another animal welfare worker and trustee of CJ Memorial Trust, the awareness around the issue is set to improve given many recent measures adopted by government agencies. For instance, the Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services, through a circular issued a few months ago, has made anti-rabies vaccines and rabies immunoglobulin free of cost for all animal bite victims irrespective of their possession of APL or BPL cards.

"Rabies helpline of BBMP in association with CARE NGO raised awareness to another level. CARE has a van that goes around, and spreads awareness about pre and post-exposure treatments for rabies in a fun way. After a circular by Health and Family Welfare Services, no paperwork is required to receive post-exposure prophylaxis, leading to timely treatment. Zero rabies death in Bengaluru is a testament to how effective these efforts have been in the past in controlling and managing rabies," said Rajagopal.

Long wait for unauthorised schools' list

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Child Rights Trust Director Nagasimha G Rao said the more the delay in announcing the list, the more problems for parents.

"The officials from the education department have been announcing the list of illegal schools every year but did nothing to end this menace. Some of the schools have already completed admission for students. What would happen if parents got admission for their children in such schools? It is the responsibility of the education department to ensure the schools have all facilities and the necessary permissions from the competent authorities," said Rao.

Rao said that it has become a routine for hapless students, who joined the illegal schools, to approach the district education officer for counter signature on transfer certificates to facilitate them joining another school. "I am of the opinion that education officials are aware of the existence of illegal schools. It will benefit parents and students if the officials provide the data about such schools two to three months before the academic year commences," he said.

Coming down heavily on the education department for not taking effective measures to end the menace of unauthorised schools, Lakshmi Prasanna, a child rights activist, said the education department officials have to visit unauthorised schools and make arrangements to put up a notice stating that the school is functioning illegally. "The notice indicating the status of the school should be exhibited prominently at the entrance of the school for the benefit of parents who want to get admission for their children. It will not only alert parents but also save money and time. Most of the schools have already completed the process of admissions for students," said Prasanna.

Meanwhile, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) member Manju K said the KSCPCR is planning to seek data from the education department on the illegal schools in the state. "Many schools have the permission to teach the state syllabus but they collect the fees from students meant for teaching CBSE syllabus. The KSCPCR may consider uploading data on illegal schools on its website for the benefit of parents and students," said Manju.

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HAPPILY SINGLE?

The answer may depend on your attachment style

Are all single people insecure? When we think about people who have been single for a long time, we may assume it's because single people have insecurities that make it difficult for them to find a partner or maintain a relationship.

But is this true? Or can long-term single people also be secure and thriving?

Our latest research published in the Journal of Personality suggests they can. However, perhaps unsurprisingly, not everybody tends to thrive in singlehood. Our study shows a crucial factor may be a person's attachment style.

Singlehood is on the rise around the world. In Canada, single status among young adults aged 25 to 29 has increased from 32% in 1981 to 61% in 2021. The number of people living solo has increased from 1.7 million people in 1981 to 4.4 million in 2021.

People are single for many reasons: some choose to remain single, some are focusing on personal goals and aspirations, some report dating has become harder, and some become single again due to a relationship breakdown.

People may also remain single due to their attachment style. Attachment theory is a popular and well-researched model of how we form relationships with other people. An Amazon search for attachment theory returns thousands of titles. The hashtag #attachmenttheory has been viewed over 140 million times on TikTok alone.

Attachment theory suggests our relationships with others are shaped by our degree of "anxiety" and "avoidance".

Attachment anxiety is a type of insecurity that leads people to feel anxious about relationships and worry about abandonment. Attachment avoidance leads people to feel uncomfortable with intimacy and closeness.

People who are lower in attachment anxiety and avoidance are considered "securely attached", and are comfortable depending on others, and giving and receiving intimacy.

Single people are often stereotyped as being too clingy or non-committal. Research comparing single and coupled people also suggests single people have higher levels of attachment insecurities compared to people in relationships.

At the same time, evidence suggests many single people are choosing to remain single and living happy lives.

In our latest research, our team of social and clinical psychologists examined single people's attachment styles and how they related to their happiness and wellbeing.

We carried out two studies, one of 482 younger single people and the other of 400 older long-term singles. We found overall 78% were categorised as insecure, with the other 22% being secure.

Looking at our results more closely, we found four distinct subgroups of singles:

Secure singles are relatively comfortable with intimacy and closeness in relationships (22%)

anxious singles question whether they are loved by others and worry about being rejected (37%)

Avoidant singles are uncomfortable getting close to others and prioritise their independence (23% of younger singles and 11% of older long-term singles)

Fearful singles have heightened anxiety about abandonment, but are simultaneously uncomfortable with intimacy and closeness (16% of younger singles and 28% of older long-term singles).

Our findings also revealed these distinct subgroups of singles have distinct experiences and outcomes.

Secure singles are happy being single, have a greater number of non-romantic relationships, and better relationships with family and friends. They meet their sexual needs outside romantic relationships and feel happier with their life overall. Interestingly, this group maintains moderate interest in being in a romantic relationship in the future.

> **People are single for many reasons: some choose to remain single, some are focusing on personal goals and some say dating has become harder**

Anxious singles tend to be the most worried about being single, have lower self-esteem, feel less supported by close others and have some of the lowest levels of life satisfaction across all sub-groups.

Avoidant singles show the least interest in being in a romantic relationship and in many ways appear satisfied with singlehood. However, they also have fewer friends and close relationships, and are generally less satisfied with these relationships than secure singles. Avoidant singles also report less meaning in life and tend to be less happy compared to secure singles.

Fearful singles reported more difficulties navigating close relationships than secure singles. For instance, they were less able to regulate their emotions, and were less satisfied with the quality of their close relationships relative to secure singles. They also reported some of the lowest levels of life satisfaction across all sub-groups.

These findings should be considered alongside several relevant points. First, although most singles in our samples were insecure (78%), a sizeable number were secure and thriving (22%).

Further, simply being in a romantic relationship is not a panacea. Being in an unhappy relationship is linked to poorer life outcomes than being single.

It is also important to remember that attachment orientations are not necessarily fixed. They are open to change in response to life events.

Similarly, sensitive and responsive behaviours from close others and feeling loved and cared about by close others can soothe underlying attachment concerns and foster attachment security over time.

Our studies are some of the first to examine the diversity in attachment styles among single adults. Our findings highlight that many single people are secure and thriving, but also that more work can be done to help insecure single people feel more secure in order to foster happiness.

(By Christopher Pepping from Griffith University, Geoff Macdonald from University of Toronto, Tim Cronin from La Trobe University and Yuthika Girme from Simon Fraser University, The Conversation)

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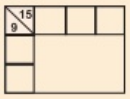
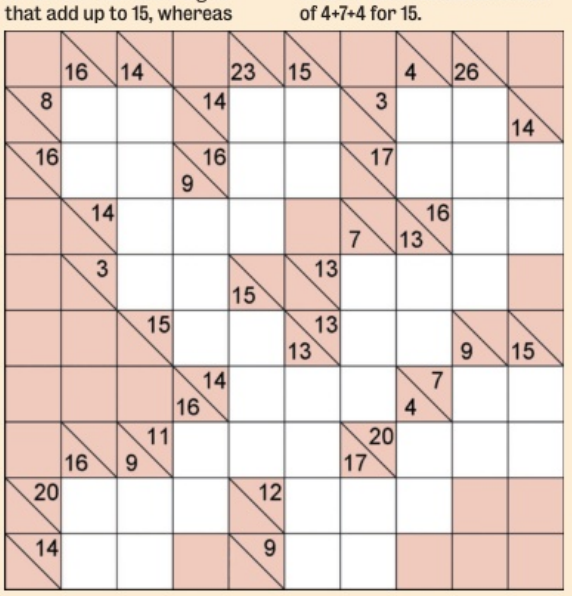
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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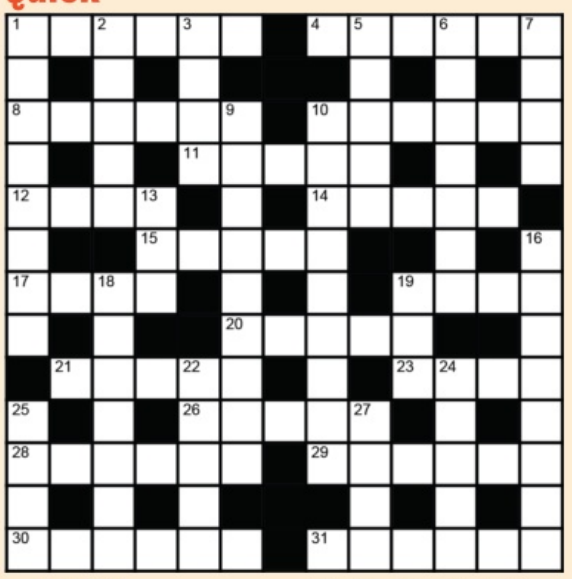


ACROSS

1 Levy or inflict on (6)
4 Indian off-spinner Ravichandran _____ (6)
8 Part of speech (6)
10 Break or gap in a sequence or a series (6)
11 Drink to health of (5)
12 Dorothy's dog! (4)
14 Amitabh's leading lady in many a movie (5)
15 Ferocious (5)
17 Of great extent (4)
19 Cutting side of a blade (4)
20 Batman, really (5)
21 Opera composer Giuseppe ____ (5)
23 Doubling of a cord (4)
26 Unwarranted; excessive (5)
28 Sharp bend (6)
29 Cabs (6)
30 Most recent? (6)
31 Holds or fixes firmly (6)

DOWN

1 Passive (8)
2 Hinge (5)
3 Type or kind or variety (4)
5 Posh room in a good hotel? (5)
6 Kept an eye on (7)
7 Inquisitive (4)
9 Taking or appropriating (9)
10 Residential area located between Hosur Road and Sarjapur Road (3,6)
13 Frequently (3)
16 Loathes or spurns (8)
18 Dexterity (7)
19 Slender fish (3)
22 Songs for two (5)
24 Leaves out (5)
25 Object of worship (4)
27 British peer (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Z EQUALS D

UIT YMU AD ZLEMXXILGFDZ LQ UIT QMLP, ATF UIT MJD ZIIYDZ LQ UIT ZIG'F FJU.

Linemaro

Do you know what my shirt is made of? Boyfriend material

Mindchow

The brighter you are, the more you have to learn

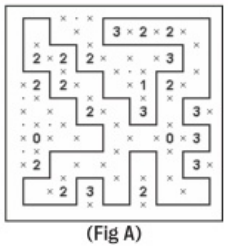
Joke of the day

Not one man in a beer commercial has a beer belly

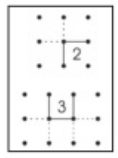
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



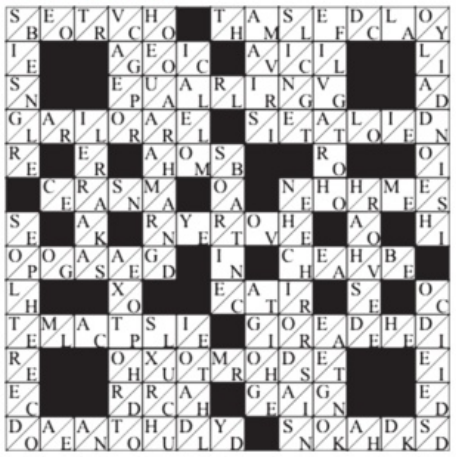
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

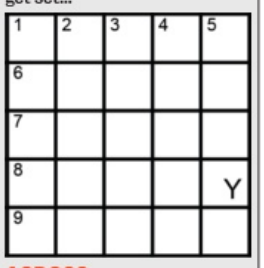
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 At vas; 6 Rater; 7 Alone; 8 My lab; 9 Ill as

DOWN

1 Arab a; 2 Navel; 3 To all; 4 Mails; 5 Tyres

Mensapuzzle

Each set of nine numbers relates to the other in a certain way. Work out the logic behind the numbers in the left-hand box in order to determine which number is missing from the right-hand box.

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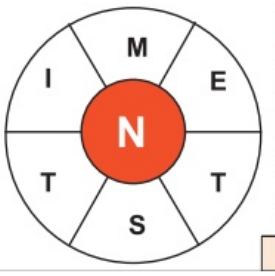
4	2	7		4	?	9
5	3	9		7	1	9

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; 12 Good; 14 Outstanding

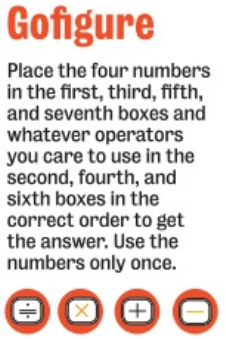
SudokuChallenge

1				2				8
	9	4				1	2	
5		3		8		6		4
			3		8			
		9				5		
			2		7			
2		5		1		7		6
	6	7				3	8	
4				3				5

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 7
1 2 2 3

Medium = 1
1 3 3 6

Hard = 3
1 5 8 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

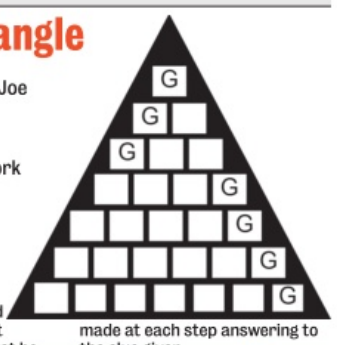
Differences: 1. Drop cloth is larger. 2. Man's arm is not showing. 3. Bottom of shirt is different. 4. Pocket is missing from golf bag. 5. Shutter is smaller. 6. Brush is longer.

Riddler

Which is the odd one out: Tamtam, ride, splash, hi-hat?

Alpha triangle

1 Gram, abbr.
2 American soldier Joe
3 Martini maker
4 Bell noise
5 Performing
6 Programmer's work
7 Deducting



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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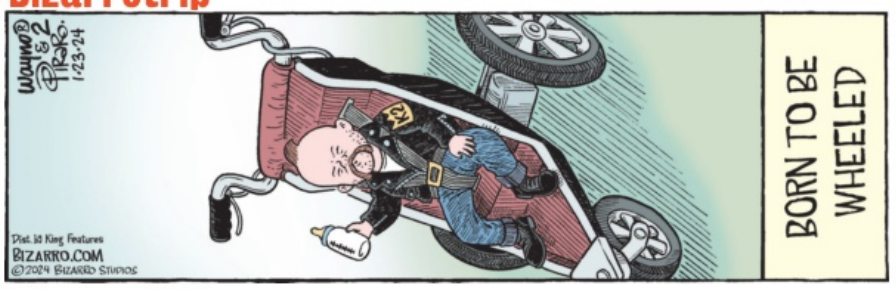

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

WHY'D YOU TELL THEM I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO JUMP IN? YOU DON'T KNOW EITHER!!
NOT YET, ANYWAY!
HEY! IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE DOUBLE DUTCHED. HOW DO Y'ALL DO IT?
SMOOTH.
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Crankshaft

WHY DO I HAVE TO BALANCE ON THIS?
BECAUSE YOU FELL.
IT WAS ON ICE...
IF THERE WAS NO ICE IN THE WINTER I'D BE FINE!
I CALL ICE IN THE WINTER JOB SECURITY.
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Mutts

WHAT THE... I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES!
OOF.
YOUVE GOT TO BE KIDDIN'! HAS THE WORLD GONE COMPLETELY INSHANE
ARG.
HOW CAN PEOPLES SHTILL WEAR FUR
!?!
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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by your elders. New sources of income are likely to open, boosting your bank balance. You may plan to renovate your house. You may receive a big order, which could grow your family business multiple times. Exercise patience while signing any contracts. There may be movement in your business, and delayed projects will start again.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today is a good day for you. You may have good vitality and health, enjoying your work. Your challenge is to avoid contentious topics; it's advised to steer clear of arguments on trivial matters to prevent disputes within the family. If you can control your tongue, expect healthy partnerships in business and harmony at home. Job seekers may find suitable positions. Love birds are advised to avoid discussing insignificant matters.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, your vitality may slow down, and old illnesses may reappear, causing upset. Avoid adventurous outings or rushed driving. Steer clear of litigation; settle matters out of court. You may also plan an overseas tour.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may profit from past investments, turning losses into gains. Implementing new ideas may lead to progress in your business. You may find success easily and meet influential individuals who guide you on the right path. Lovebirds may make decisions regarding marriage, and couples may receive good news about children. Job seekers will find suitable positions.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, your family and spouse will support you, fostering domestic harmony. Despite work overload, make time for family; and attend family gatherings. Expect a strong position in your professional life, with projects involving government agencies likely to commence.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, your spiritual strength may bring happiness, fostering positive thinking. You may plan visits to religious places or develop an interest in occult sciences. Maintain discretion in your conversations, sharing views only with those who understand your perspective.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel nervous and lack patience, leading you to seek peace through occult practices. Trust your intuition before making decisions. Engage deeply in subjects of interest or focus on research.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, your moon is favourably placed, bringing positive momentum to your professional and domestic life. Expect gains from investments and reciprocation of help from friends and relatives. Hard work will lead to success.

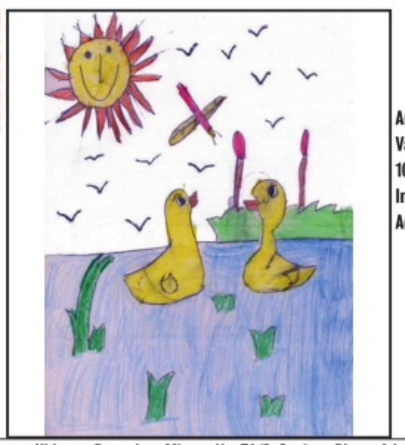
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, things may improve, and children's health may be better. Consider making investments for their future. Remain loyal to your job, and job seekers may find opportunities through references. Identify hidden adversaries and counter them with blessings.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, expect good employment news. Job seekers should focus on cracking entrance exams with hard work. Singles may become engaged, and there may be news of childbirth.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may contemplate a change of location, but it's advised to postpone migration decisions. Avoid business investments and seek counsel from elders to manage difficult situations.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, anticipate a short business trip and rewards for your success. Your reputation may increase, and you may receive good news from siblings. Management job seekers may find success, and singles may become engaged.

KIDZONE



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SOLUTIONS

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BULL'S EYE
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RIDDLER
Tamtam, a gong not a cymbal.

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MENSA PUZZLE
4: looking across each line, add the first two numbers, then add 1 to the total to obtain the third number, ie (2 + 3) + 1 = 6.

QUOTE UNCODE
You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try.

ALPHA TRIANGLE
G, Gi, Gin, Ding, Doing, Coding, Docking.

GO FIGURE
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Medium
3 - 6 + 3 + 1 = 1
Hard
2 x 5 - 8 + 1 = 3

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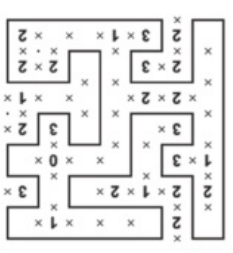

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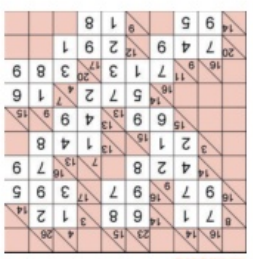

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Shooting completed

The shooting of multi-starrer movie The Judgment was wrapped up on Wednesday in the city. The movie's muhurat puja was held on Wednesday. Shooting of the movie was aslo completed on the day, which happened to be Kannada matinee idol Dr Rajkumar's birthday.

"I am very happy to inform you about the completion of shooting. It is a coincidence the movie's shooting began on Dr Rajkumar's birthday last year and wrapped up on the same occasion this year. I thank Ravichandran sir and other actors for their cooperation," said director Gururaja Kulkarni.

The Judgment is bankrolled by Sharad Nadagouda under the G9 Communication Media and Entertainment banner in association with five producers. The movie is a legal thriller. "I am very happy with the hard work and cooperation of actors and technicians during the movie's shooting," said Sharad Nadagouda, one of the producers. Dhanya Ramkumar, who is paired with Diganth said that she was very happy to be part of the team. Meghana Gaonkar has shared screen space with Ravichandran."

Pre-release teaser

The pre-release teaser of Kannada movie Gowri was launched by cricketer Anil Kumble and Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar at a function on Tuesday at a hotel in Bengaluru. Producer Ramesh Reddy, journalist-cum-director Sadashiv Shenoy, and director Kavitha Lankesh were present on the occasion.

Gowri is bankrolled and directed by Indrajit Lankesh under the Laughing Buddha Films banner while his son Samarjit Lankesh played the lead. Sanya Iyer is paired opposite Samarjit Lankesh.

"I and Ajit (Indrajit) have been friends for many years. Indrajit's son Samarjit acted in an advertisement film with me. Now, he is making debut as a hero in Sandalwood. Sanya Iyer is the heroine in this movie. I wish them great success," said Anil Kumble.

Indrajit Lankesh said Puneeth

Rajkumar was a close friend. "I thank Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar and Anil Kumble for launching the pre-release teaser of Gowri. My son Samarjit had the necessary training to become a hero in Sandalwood. Sanya Iyer has also acted well," said Indrajit Lankesh.

Samarjit Lankesh also thanked Anil Kumble and Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar.

The movie has two cinematographers – A J Shetty and KK – and four music directors.

Harsh reality

Kalki Koechlin is largely known for her off-beat character like the one in 'Dev D', however, she got maximum love for 'Yeh Jawani Hai Deewani'. The actress who never fails to make a mark in every role, admits that now she's electively doing lesser work as she doesn't want to be away from her daughter. Hence, Kalki needs to get something really exciting, in order to leave her daughter at home and go to work.

In a recent interview, she opened up on the challenges that actresses face and how lesser roles are written for women in their 40s.

She expressed in a chat with Hindustan Times, "They get harsh towards women over 40, they don't even know about such women. They don't know about what happens to our body, they don't know about menopause. This is also because we are not writing about it." Which is why, Kalki said that good work comes few and far between. One has to wait it out to get work which is of good quality as every script is not going to be a gem!

She further added the need for more women writers and directors to come to the forefront so that different aspects about a woman's life are convered. "More women will feel empowered when there are more women writers and directors because more stories will come to the forefront," said Kalki.

–ETimes

Kind intentions

Jacqueliene urges fans to adopt and not shop for pets

Actress Jacqueliene Fernandez, an avid animal lover, has stepped forward in support of them, urging everyone to adopt instead of shop. Jacqueliene took to Instagram and shared a video on her story section. The clip showcased distressing conditions in which dogs, including two Pomeranians, one husky, and one poodle, were kept by a breeder before being rescued.

The actress, who herself is a cat mom, captioned the clip: "Another reason to adopt and not shop. The animal breeding industry is cruel and often illegal."

On the work front, Jacqueliene, who was last seen on screen in Rohit Shetty's 'Cirkus', will next be seen in 'Fateh', starring Sonu Sood.

The film, also starring Vijay Raaz, revolves around a former gangster hired to guard a young woman.

The actress will also feature in 'Welcome to the Jungle', the third instalment of the 'Welcome franchise', reportedly set for release in Christmas 2024.

The first instalment of the 'Welcome' series was released in 2007, starring Akshay Kumar, Katrina Kaif, Anil Kapoor, Nana Patekar, and Paresh Rawal in lead roles.

The second instalment, titled 'Welcome Back', was released in 2015 and featured John Abraham.

–IANS

Pack up!

Actor Rashmika Mandanna shared a glimpse from the sets of her upcoming film 'Kubera', starring Dhanush. Rashmika took to her Instagram stories and shared a picture showing the moon and a building on Thursday.

Sharing the image, she wrote, "And it's pack up! Kubera." Alongside Rashmika and Dhanush, the film also features Akkineni Nagarjuna and Jim Sarbh in significant roles.

Reportedly, Dhanush portrays a character who starts as a homeless man but eventually rises to become a powerful mafia. Directed by Sekhar Kammula and produced by Suniel Narang under the banner of Sree Venkateswara Cinemas LLP, Kubera has music by Devi Sri Prasad.

The release date for 'Kubera' is yet to be announced.

Aside from Kubera, Rashmika is also gearing up for her role in the action thriller 'Pushpa: The Rule'. On Wednesday, actor Allu Arjun treated fans to a teaser of the first single from the movie.

The vocals of the 'Pushpa Pushpa' have been given a techno twist with rhythmic beats by music director Devi Sri Prasad.

–ANI

PC talks about her docu 'Womb'

Priyanka Chopra Jonas, who has produced the streaming documentary 'Women of My Billion' (WOMB), has said that women have borne the brunt of gender bias for a very long time.

The actress shared that her documentary is a call for solidarity and action to help women rise above the odds.

'Women of My Billion' (WOMB), directed by Ajitesh Sharma, is a stark and touching chronicle of the fight against all forms of violence faced by women in India. It follows the journey of Srishti Bakshi as she embarks on a walking pilgrimage from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, spanning 3,800 km over 240 days, with a mission to find and share stories about women, their struggles, dreams, and rights.

Discussing the documentary, Priyanka said in a statement: "Women have borne the brunt of gender bias for far too long, enduring a silent struggle against entrenched social injustices that seek to suppress their voices."

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